

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A refrigeration appliance cabinet comprising:
a bottom mullion, said bottom mullion comprising a pair of adjacent channels and an engagement portion proximate ~~a base portion of a~~ first channel of said pair of adjacent channels, ~~said engagement portion said first channel defined by a first retainer portion, a guide portion extending obliquely from a said first retainer portion of said first channel and transitioning into portion, a second retainer portion of said first channel extending from said guide portion, a base portion extending substantially perpendicular to said second retainer portion, and a third retainer portion extending from said base portion in a direction substantially parallel to said first retainer portion, said first channel separating a second channel of said pair of adjacent channels from said engagement portion extending substantially perpendicular to said third retainer portion; and~~
a casing in press fit engagement with said bottom mullion engagement portion, ~~said casing comprising a first retaining tongue having an end portion received within said first channel and formed in a shape substantially complementary to a shape of said engagement portion.~~
2. (currently amended) A refrigeration appliance cabinet in accordance with Claim 1 further comprising a bottom rail, said bottom rail received in ~~one of said channels~~ second channel of said bottom mullion.
3. (original) A refrigeration appliance cabinet in accordance with Claim 1 further comprising at least one inner liner and foam insulation between said inner liner and said casing.
4. (currently amended) A refrigeration appliance cabinet in accordance with Claim 3, wherein said liner is received in ~~one of said channels~~ first channel of said bottom mullion.

5. (currently amended) A refrigeration appliance cabinet in accordance with Claim 1, said casing further comprising a bottom panel, said bottom panel comprising a fastening projection, said engagement portion of said bottom mullion comprising an extended flat portion for press fit engagement with said fastening projection.

6. (currently amended) A refrigerator cabinet comprising:

a bottom mullion, said bottom mullion comprising a pair of adjacent channels and an engagement portion, ~~said engagement portion said first channel of said pair of adjacent channels partially defined by a first retainer portion, a guide portion extending obliquely from a said first retainer portion partially defining a first channel of said adjacent channels and transitioning into portion,~~ a second retainer portion ~~partially defining said first channel~~ extending from said guide portion, a base portion extending substantially perpendicular to said second retainer portion, and a third retainer portion extending from said base portion in a direction substantially parallel to said first retainer portion, said first channel separating a second channel of said pair of adjacent channels from said engagement portion extending substantially perpendicular to said third retainer portion; and

a casing in press fit engagement with said bottom mullion engagement portion, ~~said casing comprising a fastening projection having an end portion received within said first channel and formed in a shape substantially complementary to a shape of said engagement portion.~~

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) A refrigerator cabinet in accordance with Claim 6 wherein said bottom mullion engagement portion comprises an engagement surface, and said casing comprises a fastening projection engaging said engagement surface.

9. (original) A refrigerator cabinet in accordance with Claim 8 wherein said fastening projection comprises a tongue that is separated from said engagement surface.

10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A refrigerator cabinet comprising:

a casing;

an inner liner within said casing, said inner liner comprising at least one refrigeration compartment; and

a bottom mullion, said bottom mullion comprising a pair of adjacent channels and an engagement portion, said bottom mullion configured to receive a portion of said inner liner, said casing configured to receive a portion of said bottom mullion with press fit engagement, a first channel of said pair of adjacent channels at least partially defined by ~~an engagement portion~~ a first retainer portion, a guide portion extending obliquely from ~~a said~~ first retainer portion of said first channel and ~~transitioning into~~ portion, a second retainer portion of said first channel, said casing comprising a tongue having an end portion received within said first channel and formed in a shape substantially complementary to a shape of said engagement portion extending from said guide portion, a base portion extending substantially perpendicular to said second retainer portion, and a third retainer portion extending from said base portion in a direction substantially parallel to said first retainer portion, said first channel separating a second channel of said pair of adjacent channels from said engagement portion extending substantially perpendicular to said third retainer portion.

12. (original) A refrigerator cabinet in accordance with Claim 11 further comprising a lower rail, said bottom mullion configured to receive said lower rail.

13. (currently amended) A refrigerator in accordance with Claim 12, wherein said bottom mullion ~~comprising~~ comprises opposing side surfaces, one of said side surfaces comprising ~~one of said adjacent channels~~ said second channel for receiving said lower rail, the other of said side surfaces comprising ~~the other of said adjacent channels~~ said first channel for receiving said inner liner.

14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) A refrigerator cabinet in accordance with Claim 11, wherein said bottom panel casing further comprising comprises a clip, said and a tongue extending from said clip.

16-23. (canceled)

24. (new) A refrigeration appliance cabinet in accordance with Claim 2, wherein said bottom rail comprises a contoured end portion received within said second channel and formed in a shape substantially complementary to a shape of said first retainer portion, said guide portion, and said second retainer portion of said bottom mullion.

25. (new) A refrigerator cabinet in accordance with Claim 12, wherein said lower rail comprises a contoured end portion received within said second channel and formed in a shape substantially complementary to a shape of said first retainer portion, said guide portion, and said second retainer portion of said bottom mullion.